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Section One— 8 Pages

New Hospital Opening Town's Biggest Day

Over 1,000 See
Impressive
Ceremonies

By T. W. PUE

Thursday, Oct. 6, was Lac La Biche's big day. It was, as Father McGrane said, outstanding because it was the first nice fall day in over a month, but everyone knew that even without the co-operation of the weatherman, it would have been the town's biggest day.

Occasion, of course, was the official opening of the new half-million dollar section of St. Catharine's Hospital. For the occasion such important personages as the Lieut. Governor of Alberta and Bishop of St. Paul attended.

The day began with the blessing of the new hospital by His Grace, Most Reverend Philippe Lussier, Bishop of St. Paul. This took place in the morning.

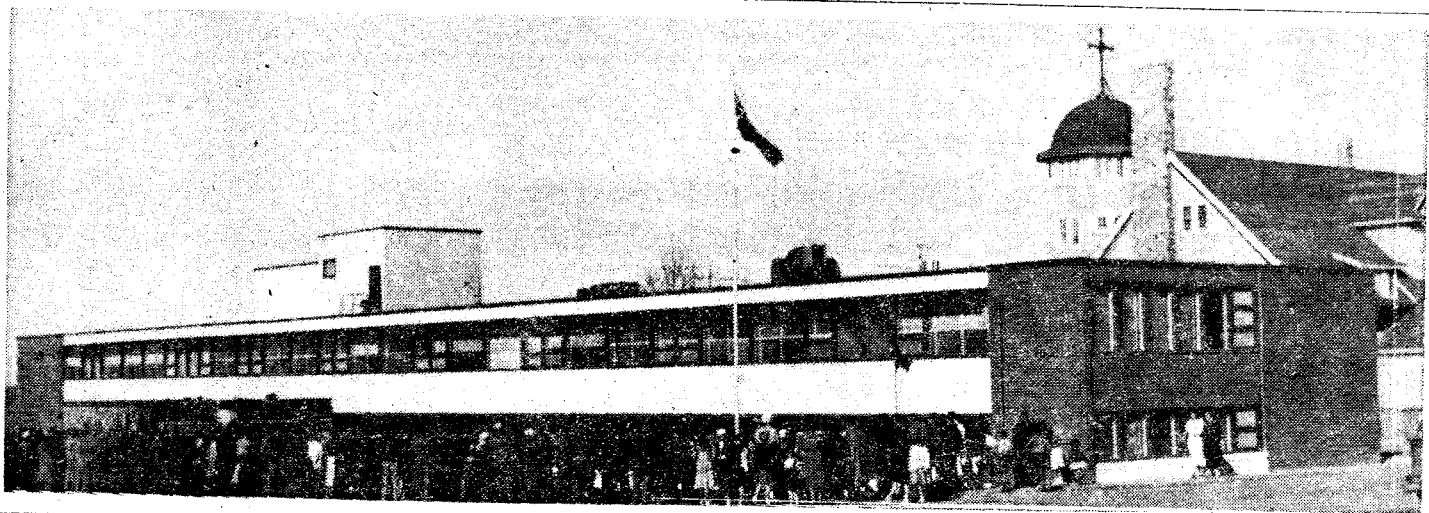
Lac La Biche school children, excused briefly from classes both morning and afternoon, witnessed the impressive ceremonies and the famous Lac La Biche Sea Cadets and altar boys took part.

During the day, Rev. Father McGrane who had worked and planned for the new hospital, and planned the day's program, was master of ceremonies.

As chairman of the afternoon ceremony on the stand specially built in front of the new hospital, Father McGrane introduced the various speakers. Those who made brief addresses included Mayor Steve Hamar, Michael Maccagno, M.L.A., His Honor Lieut. Governor J. J. Bowlen (who officially opened the new hospital), E. E. Maxwell, Supervisor of Municipal Hospitals for the Alberta Government; A. C. McCully, Supervisor of Metis Rehabilitation; Dr. Wm. Cazow; and R. McMullen, Agent General for Alberta in England; and Msgr. Lussier.

After the official opening, hundreds of local residents made tours of the wards of the new hospital. Tea was served by the ladies of Lac La Biche, under the direction of president, Mrs. M. Bouvier.

A dinner for special guests in the York Hotel dining room brought to a conclusion the town's "biggest day."



THIS IS A VIEW of the crowd that attended opening ceremonies Thursday of last week in front of St. Catharine's Hospital. The sun was shining brightly, flags were flying and the weather was warm. Beautiful colors of the fall season blended with the beauty of the new building.

AIR VISITOR TO LAC LA BICHE ASSISTED IN RESCUE OF LOST FLYER

LAC LA BICHE — Last July, Lloyd A. Wartes of New York City landed his plane, a real flying boat with pusher-type propeller here to refuel before taking off for Uranium City.

This is the same Mr. Wartes who, with two other geologists on Sunday flew to the rescue of Gerhart (Gerry) Lozie, 27, lost on a northern lake for 10 days.

Alex Labounsky, one of three American geologists on their way from sampling uranium ore in the far north, said he put the sugar in his pocket absent-mindedly, or "perhaps it was an act of providence."

The three geologists: Labounsky and Lloyd L. Wartes of New York City, and Paul Dawson of Billings, Mont., flew to the rescue after another plane spotted Gerhart Lozie, lost in the north for 10 days.

The geologists had to abandon three weeks of careful ore sampling to make room for the Associated Airways co-pilot.

The samples were left on the wing of the wrecked aircraft in which Pilot Joseph Cermak, 40 died.

The group said they are hoping nothing happened to the samples as they are not looking forward to doing the sampling all over again.

Lunch Served In New Hospital

Lunch was served at noon on Thursday, Oct. 6, at the new St. Catharine's hospital to special guests including Hon. J. J. Bowlen, lieutenant-governor of Alberta and aides, and the Bishop of St. Paul Most Rev. Philippe Lussier, and his assistants. The hostess was Mrs. M. Bouvier.

Assisting in serving were Denise Richard and Annette Rudiger.

Whist Drive Prize Winners

LAC LA BICHE — Some 50 people came out to Dr. Swift School to try their luck and skill at playing whist. The first prize winners were: ladies', Mrs. J. Cunningham; men's, H. Senetza. Consolation prizes were awarded to Mrs. V. Switzer and Mr. Kochka.

After the whist drive, the WA members served a delicious lunch.

New Hospital 'Tops' With Kids

The students and staff of the Lac la Biche School greatly enjoyed their visit to the new wing of the St. Catharine's Hospital on Friday. Modern fixtures and equipment were shown and explained by the Sisters of the hospital, and Mr. Perron. Teachers and students agreed that the tour of the hospital was a very profitable experience.

All enjoyed the refreshments served by the Sisters and staff of the hospital.

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DIGNITARIES of church and state and friends attended the dinner at the York Hotel, to finalize a wonderful day in the history of the town of Lac la Biche in the opening of the new St. Catharine's hospital. During the dinner, Father McGrane presented a beautiful framed picture of the hospital to Lieut.-Gov. J. J. Bowlen, and also to Most Rev. Philippe Lussier, bishop of St. Paul. Here his honor the lieutenant-governor is shown receiving his picture memento from Father McGrane.

WORLD-FAMOUS SEA CADETS ON DUTY

By DEBORAH PUE

Not a detail was neglected in the opening of the new St. Catharine's hospital. Escorts to the official party inspecting the hospital were none other than the well-trained Sea Cadets in uniform under charge of Lieut. Rene Rigzoli, RCNVR; Louis Richard was in charge of escorts. Michael Maccagno, Ernest Courtney, Lionel Vincent, Herve Marchildon, John McHugh, Michael Perron, Theodore Mackriss, Vincent Varze, Willi sTardif, Lou Badry made up the corps who were posted at door

ways and stairways during the general inspection of the hospital by the public.

R. McMullen, agent-general for Alberta in London, Eng., in his address at the opening of the new hospital, told how the four sea cadets under Captain McGrane, and their ship the Exeter, had brought recognition to Lac la Biche during their trip through Great Britain. Mr. McMullen said the town could be proud of the impression left wherever the party visited.

MAYOR HAMAR SAYS GROWTH OF LAC LA BICHE GAINING MOMENTUM

LAC LA BICHE — A quickening pace of progress and development in recent years is proving a fitting fulfillment of the 100 years of pioneering in the Lac la Biche district. These were the sentiments voiced by His Worship Steve Hamar, mayor of the town, at the official opening of the new hospital.

In his address, Mr. Hamar welcomed guests and visitors in the following words:
Rev. Chairman, Your Excellency,

Your Honor, Rev. Sisters, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

On behalf of the Town of Lac la Biche it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our town and district to take part in the inauguration ceremonies and the opening of the new St. Catharine's Hospital of which we are all proud. Perhaps at this time it would be fitting to sketch briefly the history of the development of Lac la Biche, which

Michael Maccagno, M.L.A., Recounts Story Of St. Catharine's Hospital



MICHAEL MACCAGNO, M.L.A.

LAC LA BICHE — The new MLA for Lac la Biche, Michael Maccagno, was a platform speaker at ceremonies of the opening of the new section of St. Catharine's Hospital.

In his address, Mr. Maccagno related the early beginnings of the hospital, its organization and decision to use the big lakeside hotel—the railway's "White Elephant."

For the benefit of those who were unable to hear Mr. Maccagno's address, we publish the complete text as follows:

Rev. Chairman, Your Excellency, Your Honor, Rev. Sisters, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen: It is indeed an honor and a privilege to be present on this memorable day on behalf of the residents of Lac la Biche and district and I cannot but note with

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Albertans
In R.C.A.F.

AYLMER, Ont. — AC J. D. Johnston formerly of Lac La Biche has been posted to ITTS, Aylmer, Ont., from Clinton, Ont. A/C Johnston was formerly working at the United Post Office in Clinton. He is now taking a 12 week course at No. 1 Technical School in Aylmer. If all goes well he will graduate Dec. 9, as a clerk-typist. He hopes to get home for Christmas.

A/W Wilma Bovencamp of Wainwright is taking a clerk-typist course at Aylmer also. A/W Bovencamp was formerly on contacts training at RCAF Station, Greenwood, N.S. She is taking the same course as A/C Johnston of Lac La Biche.

Congress' mail frank cost is put at \$1,700,000 yearly.

THE LIQUOR CONTROL ACT
Application For Hotel
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Public notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply to The Alberta Liquor Control Board for a Licence to sell Beer by the glass or open bottle, for consumption on the licensed portion of the premises, and also to sell Beer by the unopened bottle for consumption elsewhere than on the licensed premises, in conformity with the provisions of The Liquor Control Act and the Regulations made thereunder, with respect to the following described premises:

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JACK DEAKIN'S DESCRIPTION
OF "PICTURESQUE SETTING"

The beautiful and fitting ceremony of blessing of the new St. Catharine's hospital was fittingly described by Jack Deakin in the Edmonton Journal.

Here is Mr. Deakin's description under the heading of "Picturesque Setting".
The new hospital, adjoining the older construction, is nestled in a picturesque setting along the shores of Lac la Biche from which lake the town derived its name.

As the bishop led in prayer there was a gentle ripple on the almost calm lake. The restless waters slapped gently along a shoreline of trees made beautiful in color by that master painter, mother nature.

The foliage was in full bloom, the many colors enhanced and made more brilliant by warm, bright sunshine. In this setting during the blessing there seemed to hang over the heads of the

large gathering a halo of peacefulness and contentment.

In his prayers the bishop asked for God's blessing for the doctors, nurses and others whose work in the hospital he described as one of mercy and guidance.

Atmore

Dr. D. Bouvier was a week-end guest at his parent's home Oct. 1.

Mrs. Jerome Johnson and children spent two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bouvier.

H. Dick, who spent the summer months on the farm with his daughter, Mrs. W. Campbell, is now holidaying in the Peace River country.

A bear was reported to have molested the farm animals of Emile Grener Oct. 1. None of the animals was slain; however, a 400 pound hog bears scratch marks.

Lloyd Plamondon of Hinton was a week-end guest at the W. Gauthier home.

R. Matheson's caterpillar and equipment arrived in Atmore Monday. It has already been put to use brush cutting and digging dams.

Owl River

Mrs. Cecile Davis and family, also Mrs. Raymond Diesel and sons, all of Lac La Biche, visited Mrs. Marion Diesel and son, Ike recently.

Miss Irene Cardinal was ill recently and was unable to attend school.

Virginia and Madeline Laroque have started attendance at Owl River No. 2 School.

M. A. Diesel has returned home

from near Lac La Biche, where she has been helping remodel his brother's house.

Mrs. Mary Viellotte paid a visit to her sister, Mrs. Sam Labican recently.

Bertha Diesel Sawchuk visited her home here recently. Mr. Rhodes of the Dept. of Lands accompanied her.

More Photos Inside

More pictures and stories of last Thursday's ceremonies will be found on inside pages of this issue of the Herald.

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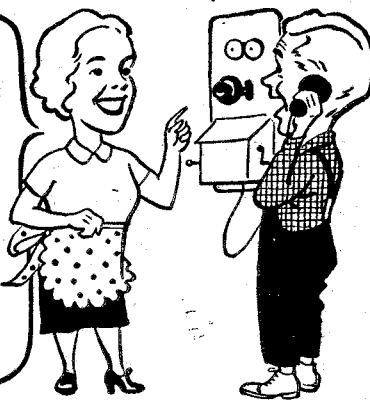
Dr. R. E. McClung will be at the Lac la Biche Hotel on Friday and Saturday, October 21 and 22.

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Recounts Story Of Hospital

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pleasure that after over two weeks of miserable weather, we have for this great occasion such a wonderful fall day.

We are gathered here today to witness the opening of the new St. Catherine's Hospital by the Hon J. J. Bowlen, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Alberta, and by our presence to offer our congratulations and show our appreciation to the Rev. Sisters of the Congregation, "Filles de Jesus" for this demonstration of faith and in their confidence in our future, visible proof of which is here before us, and which you shall very shortly have the privilege of inspecting.

History and statistics are sometimes cold and often boring, but I have dug up a few items which I thought would be of general interest and appropriate for this occasion.

The year was 1937, the place, Lac la Biche, then a village with a population of about 400; the mayor, William Dumas; secretary-treasurer, C. Lebas.

From the facts I have gathered it would appear that high taxes had quite a role to play in the opening of the first St. Catharine's Hospital. It would appear that the NAR in their appeal for reduced assessment on the then vacant Lac la Biche Inn, gave the village to understand that unless a substantial reduction on its assessment could be realized they would be obliged to dismantle it, as the building had been a "white elephant" on their hands for some time.

The mayor and council proposed to the railway representative that they consider putting the property up for sale. This they apparently did, because on May 18, 1937, we have an option taken out by O. J. Biollo, Chas. Lebas and Louis Richard. Facts and figures here become confused, but it is agreed that these gentlemen, along with A. Berube and J. Durocher ran into some difficulty, in that I have a letter dated the 15th day of June, 1937 by Jno. Callaghan, then general manager of the NAR, grant-

ing Messrs. O. J. Biollo, Louis Richard and Chas. Lebas an extension until July 31, 1937, of their option which expired on June 30.

I am told that these gentlemen had contacted various religious organizations they had hoped would be interested, but without success. Discouraged to a certain degree, they did not give up. They now had the double misfortune of not having succeeded in obtaining a sponsor, but also the loss of the deposit made on the option, and folks, don't forget that in 1937 a buck was worth a whole dollar.

These gentlemen gathered together trying to think up some plan whereby someone would become interested in their project and one of them expressed this thought out loud: "If only they could see the place."

This was it . . . They approached the Sisters of the Congregation "Filles de Jesus", asking them to please come to Lac la Biche and inspect the premises, explaining that they felt that once they had seen and inspected the village and proposed hospital premises it would sell itself. . . and I am happy to say it did. And today it is still a thought to remember. Let people see Lac la Biche, and it will sell itself.

Since its opening in 1937 a total of 17,181 patients have been admitted; 2,596 babies born, and over 2,000 operations performed in the

now "Old" St. Catherine's Hospital.

Our present Sister Superior, Sister Marie de la Providence, is the sixth superior, having been preceded by: Sr. Marie Aurelie, the foundress in 1937 to 1938; Sr. Marie Theosophie, 1938 to 1941; Sr. Rosalie Marie, 1941 to 1945; Sr. St. Francis Xavier, 1945 to 1947; Sr. Marie Josephine, nursing Sister at Lac la Biche from 1938 to 1947 and Superior from 1947 to 1954.

I could not close without pointing out one outstanding and unique part of our St. Catherine's Hospital; unique because normally a hospital is an institution, a clean, cold and efficient machine for the healing of the sick and maimed . . . the patient usually a number in this efficient piece of machinery. Our St. Catherine's Hospital has been more than just an institution to us . . . it is a real, personal and intimate part of our town and district. The Superiors and its Sisters are known to us and each and every one of us can recall vividly the personal loss we felt when Sr. Aurelie left in 1938 . . . how this has repeated itself again and again at each change until just recently Sr. Marie Josephine was replaced by our now Sr. Superior, Sr. Marie de la Providence . . . and Rev. Sister . . . if your reception at Lac la Biche first appeared cold . . . it was not because we did not welcome you . . . but because we had

to get used to the loss of Sr. Marie Josephine, whom we all loved indeed. It is my sincere wish that it will remain possible to retain this atmosphere in our new hospital . . . we understand that your responsibilities will now be doubled, but nevertheless feel sure that the same spirit of personal interest between hospital and patient will carry on.

And in closing, once again before the official opening by the Hon. J. J. Bowlen, Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, our sincerest congratulations to you and to all those who had any part in the establishment of

this wonderful institution dedicated to the welfare of the people of our town and district.

Thank you.

Beautiful Table Cloths

Two beautiful hand-made lace table cloths added the finishing touches to the tables at the tea in St. Catharine's Hospital. They were the work of Mrs. Tom MacCagno and Mrs. Mike MacCagno. They took two years to complete, spending fifteen minutes each day.

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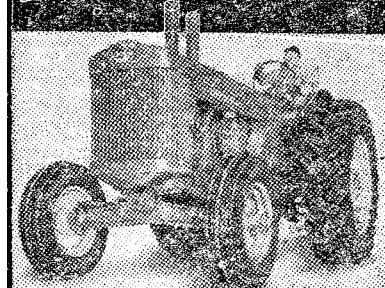
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Boy Scouts Troupe On Hike

PLAMONDON — Scoutmaster Arthur Girard accompanied his troop of Boy Scouts on a two-mile hike last Saturday afternoon. They carried their packs and had supper by a camp fire.

Mr. Girard is to be complemented for his active interest in the Boys Scouts of our town.

A social afternoon is being planned in the near future for Boy Scouts' parents.

Hylo

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mahowich from Vancouver are visiting friends and relatives around Hylo.

Mr. M. Tichonuk and Mrs. Albert Michetti are patients in the Lac La Biche Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Popowich motored to Edmonton recently.

Julie Keehn made a business trip to Thorhild.

Mrs. Carl Keehn has left for Victoria to pay her last respects to her father, who passed away.

Bee Held For New House

PLAMONDON—Wilfrid St. Jean held a bee on Friday for work on his new house. In the evening a house party was held in the new building. Music for dancing was by Wilbert and Harold Belanger and Bert Amiot.

Refreshments and lunch were served and a nice time was had by all.

Breynat

Mr. and Mrs. George Desjarlais from Lac La Biche are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Desjarlais and family of Wandering River.

A recent visitor of Mr. and Mrs. P. Auber is E. Caderin of Vancouver, B.C.

Wandering River Curling Rink is now under construction and will be completed before the winter.

A dance was sponsored at the Wandering River School on Sept. 30, by the high school teacher and pupils.

Venice

Julius Rossi was a recent patient in the Lac La Biche hospital after suffering injuries when hit by a car.

Angelo Giacobbo made a recent business trip to Edmonton.

Mrs. Frank Ferro is a patient in the Lac La Biche hospital.

Philip Lefebvre, foreman on the Edmonton section, visited his brothers over the holiday weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Derkach and Linda made a trip to Edmonton recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Rowland, Jimmie and Kenny are visiting relatives in Edmonton and St. Albert last week.

New Young Tory President

EDMONTON — The Edmonton and District Young Conservative Association has elected E. J. Brown as president. He succeeds Mrs. C. J. Bowie-Reed, who retired because she is also provincial president of the Young Conservatives.

The national president of the Young Conservatives, Harvey Galbraith of Calgary, was named the Edmonton branch's honorary president at the annual meeting.

Vice-presidents are Hans Knaack and Miss Doreen Wilson.

Fans Tote Liquor To Hockey Games

EDMONTON — Morality officers of the Edmonton City Police charged 12 hockey fans with illegal possession of liquor. The officers found the 12 fans "with spirits" at the opening hockey game in the Edmonton Gardens.

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BUSY WITH REGISTRATIONS



ONE OF THE BUSIEST CORNERS of the new St. Catharine's hospital on opening day was the registration desk. Here attendants look on while a guest signs her name.

Maybe a Client?

EDMONTON — (BUP) — About \$300 worth of clothing and other merchandise was stolen recently from the John Howard Society's Offices.

The offices, located at 9818-108 Street, were broken into Thursday morning. An officer found a basement door had been smashed in.

CHARGED WITH WOUNDING
EDMONTON — Pauline Koblun was charged with wounding with intent following the butcher-knife stabbing of 55-year-old Henry

Townend in an Edmonton rooming house. Police said Townend was taken to hospital when he was found stabbed three times.

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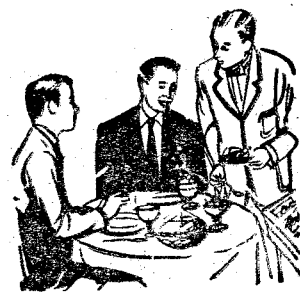
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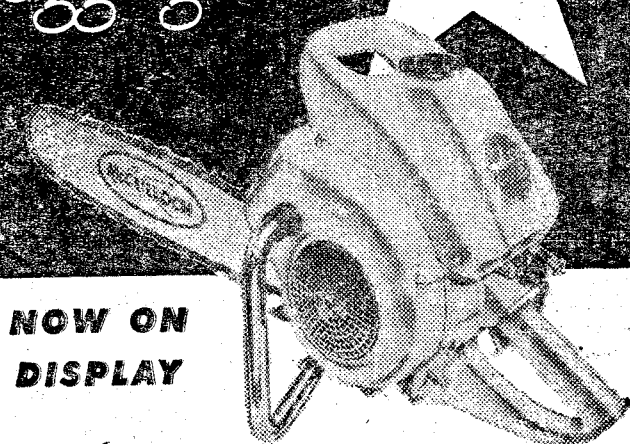
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'Dick' Hanna To Address Liberals

R. F. L. "Dick" Hanna, MP, will address the October meeting of the Edmonton - Strathcona Liberal Association. His talk will be on the new South Side Airport to be built and its effect on the growth of Edmonton. The meeting will be held Oct. 17 in the Federal Liberal Centre at 10123 - 112 St.

Better business conditions are forecast for 1955.

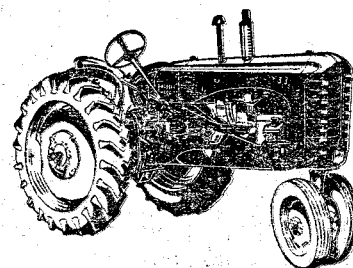
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Nordegg Mountain Named After Mrs. Romeo Countney's Father

A mountain in the Nordegg district has been named in honor of Henry Stelfox, a pioneer Alberta resident, by the Geographic Board of Alberta.

Mr. Stelfox is the father of Mrs. Romeo Countney, who, before her marriage, was weather station manager and local editor for the Herald at Lac la Biche.

Previously unnamed, Mount Stelfox is a 7,000-foot peak located on the west side of the North Saskatchewan River, 29 miles southwest

of Nordegg. The precise location is Township 37, Range 18, West of the 5th Meridian.

Mr. Stelfox is a pioneer of the Rocky Mountain House district who has gained a wide reputation for his conservation work and assistance to Indians of the area.

Grassland

At a meeting of the Nurses' Home Committee, a new executive was elected. D. A. Sadownik is the new president with Mrs. Sophie Matheson of Atmore acting as secretary. A committee meeting was held on Wednesday and a discussion took place with regard to a heating system for the cottage.

Mrs. Mike Duniec was in the city last week and Mrs. Hula is at present visiting in Edmonton.

The 4-H Club proposes to obtain 14 calves which they will procure in the Beauvalon district.

At a meeting of the Grassland Community League on Wednesday, approval was given to the purchase

of a propane heating system for the hall at a price of \$1200.

Miss Mary Sutton is spending a few days in Edmonton at the home of Mrs. Margaret Kibbe.

Don Corse has received delivery of his new international school bus.

Mrs. Nykolyn from the city, was a recent visitor at the Semenluk home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira McKenzie, who sold their farm here a few weeks ago have now reached North Surrey, B.C., where they expect to stay for some time.

School Children Attend Opening Of New Hospital

The school children were excused for a short time from their classrooms for the opening of the new Lac La Biche Hospital, and are to be congratulated for their fine behavior; they were not only a credit to themselves, but to their teachers and the town.

Lac la Biche

Mr. and Mrs. John Redmond Brady of Lac la Biche had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Roy Walther (brother-in-law and sister of Mrs. Brady) of Balboa, Canal Zone, Panama. Other sisters also present were: Mrs. Jack Allan, Mrs. Wilfred Chapin and Mrs. Samson Olsen, all of Edmonton.

Foundation has been poured for a two-room addition to the new four-room Lac la Biche elementary school.

The grounds east of the town hall are being levelled off in preparation for the construction of the new skating rink.

Calgary had 60 per cent of the voters go to the polls, Edmonton 65 per cent.

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Ceremonies Covered By City Paper, Radio

Well-known staff writer of the Edmonton Journal, Jack Deakin covered the opening ceremonies of St. Catharine's hospital, and the event was fully covered in the city daily. At the same time, Don Clayton of CJCA was on hand with his tape recorder and broadcast was made later over this radio station.

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UNDER THE DIRECTION of President Mrs. M. Bouvier, the St. Catharine's Ladies Group served tea and cookies to over 1,000 guests last Thursday. Here are pictures of the tables where tea honors were done.

NEW ST. CATHARINE'S HOSPITAL SECTION IS \$500,000 STRUCTURE

LAC LA BICHE—Approximately \$500,000 has been spent by the Sisters of Jesus to give this district the most modern and up-to-date hospital facilities. The new section houses reception room, wards and operating rooms for patients.

The old hospital, connected by adequate hallways, will be used as the home for the staff of the hospital.

The new hospital was opened by Hon. J. E. Bowlen, Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, in an impressive ceremony, witnessed by over 1,000 citizens, on Thursday, October 6.

It was truly a wonderful day. The sun shone brilliantly and warm from a cloudless sky as two impressive ceremonies were held. The first was a solemn blessing by the church, led by Most Rev. Philippe Lussier, bishop of St. Paul, and the second consisted of congratulations by the speakers to the sisters, staff, doctors, and the people of the Lac la Biche district.

Several hundred school children took part in the opening ceremonies as they were excused briefly from their classrooms in the morning and the afternoon. A procession of altar boys, sisters and church dignitaries from the old hospital building to a platform decked in paper ribbon in front of the new hospital opened the morning religious service.

Rev. J. E. McGrane, parish priest, opened the service by stating that the people of Lac la Biche had "many things to be thankful for on this day." He added that "by divine providence the new hospital was being opened officially on one of the loveliest days in more than a month."

Father McGrane introduced Msgr. Lussier, who in solemn prayer asked the blessing of the new building and divine guidance of the sisters, nurses and other members of the hospital staff.

Father McGrane also presided as chairman at the afternoon ceremony and introduced Mayor S. Hamar. Mr. Hamar gave a brief history of the town and spoke with pride when he stated the town

had grown to one boasting more than 1,000 population.

He thanked the sisters for their splendid work and also on behalf of the town and district residents thanked the doctors, nurses and other members of the staff for their acts of mercy.

Michael Maccagno, M.L.A. for Lac la Biche, also gave historical figures in his address. He outlined how the old hospital, intended to be a resort lodge, was turned into a hospital in 1937 by the Sisters of Jesus. He added that there had been more than 17,100 patients admitted to the old hospital since 1937.

E. E. Maxwell, supervisor of municipal hospitals' organization, represented the Alberta government department of health and congratulated the people of Lac la Biche.

Mr. Maxwell listed figures for the hospital, stating that in 1952 the hospital had 8,201 patient days. This figure dropped slightly in 1954, but stated the building of a new hospital was a necessity due to overcrowding in the old one which will now be used as staff quarters.

"You have a fine hospital, costing approximately \$500,000," Mr. Maxwell stated. He also re-

vealed that the dominion government had given the St. Catharine's hospital a grant of \$61,000 which the province matched to make a total grant of \$122,000 toward the construction of the new building.

A. C. McCully, supervisor of Metis rehabilitation branch in the department of welfare for Alberta, also congratulated the sisters and staff, stating that they would be repaid for their acts of mercy through divine guidance.

Dr. William Cadzow spoke on behalf of the sisters, nurses and other members of the staff. He stated that the old building, formerly to be a lodge, was poorly suited for hospital purposes, but added the long wait for a new hospital had been one not in vain.

Another Housing Development In City

EDMONTON —(BUP)—Edmonton City Building Department Thursday authorized a \$77,500.00 single-family dwelling project to build eight bungalows in Dovercourt.

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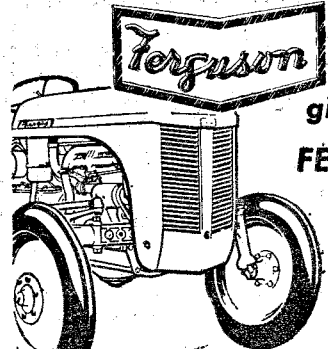


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Boyle

Frank Varga, accountant from the Imperial Bank, has been transferred to the main branch in Edmonton.

The Ladies' Bridge and Canasta clubs will begin their season of cards on Thursday.

Visitors to the Thompson home were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thompson, Jack McLeod and Miss McLellan.

Larry Pickford and Fred Pikulitz are working on the A.P. elevator at Viking.

Donna Raaflaub is now employed in McNamara's General store.

After returning from a seven-week trip to their homes in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, Rev. and Mrs. Parsons left for a parish in Fort Chipewyan. Karen Stromberg accompanied the couple on their seven-week trip.

Mr. and Mrs. George Craig visited Mrs. Craig's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Andruski over the long week-end.

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News From Other Alberta Towns

BODY OF WOMAN FOUND NEAR SLAVE LAKE BY RCMP

The body of a woman, believed to be Rita Paquette, 26, was found near the Town of Slave Lake, 140 miles north of Edmonton, RCMP in Edmonton reported today.

The remains show what appeared to be bullet wounds. The remains were brought to Edmonton for post-mortem examination. Discovery of the body follows closely on the alleged slaying of another woman near Canyon Creek west of Slave Lake.

The Paquette woman was reported missing by relatives shortly after a Sept. 6 sports day held in the Slave Lake town.

Former Residents Lose Mill By Fire

RANFURLY — A fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the Petruk Sawmill in the Horsefly area in British Columbia about 4 a.m. Tuesday morning, Sept. 13.

Along with the sawmill, about 10,000 feet of lumber was lost, but the planer was saved. Except for partial coverage on the power unit, no insurance was carried. The owners, William and Metro Petruk, will rebuild the mill which normally cuts between 6,000 and 8,000 feet of lumber daily.

William and Metro Petruk were one-time residents of Ranfurly and are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Petruk Sr.

40 Plumbing Permits Issued To Date

REDWATER — Information received from the town office is that to date 40 plumbing permits have been issued for installation and renovation of plumbing in homes and business establishments due to be served by the new sewer and extensions.

It is anticipated that another 30 permits will be issued shortly for services to be completed this year.

Big Bear Shot Near Slave Lake

SLAVE LAKE — One of the biggest bears shot for some time was the reward of Herman Kreutzer, local resident of Slave Lake, when he was out on the north shore of Lesser Slave Lake, and shot a black bear weighing 550 lbs. Herman said he had never seen such a whopper for a long time, and he has been busy butchering it, and residents are looking forward to some good bear steaks.

Meet After Forty Years

HUGHENDEN — Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Leadloy had a very pleasant surprise last Wednesday when two old acquaintances, A. B. McDonald and Willard Bone of Edmonton called on them.

They had not seen one another for 40 years, when Mr. McDonald was manager of the Merchant's Bank here and Mr. Bone was employed at the bank also, which was situated in the building now occupied by the Government Telephone and Cochrane Real Estate.

Mr. McDonald was noted for his gags and when they called at the school to see Mr. Leadloy, they passed as insurance men.

Many hours were spent reminiscing the younger days.

Try Woman On Alberta Postal Theft

REGINA — A 24-year-old Vancouver woman was committed for jury trial here on a charge of possessing money orders for \$2,459, allegedly stolen from the Chipman post office a month ago.

Mrs. Rose Wood was picked up near the scene of a drug store break-in here Sept. 17. Searching her car, police found a semi-automatic and a revolver, both loaded.

Mrs. Wood was sentenced to three months when she pleaded guilty to illegal possession of firearms.

Chipman postmaster John Matyka identified the money orders. He said they were stolen Sept. 9 along with two registered letters and about \$400 in postage stamps.

Murder Suspect Given Mental Test

HIGH PRAIRIE — George Clifford Catt, charged with the slaying of a 26-year-old Canyon Creek woman, appeared in High Prairie police court and was remanded to the Ponoka mental institution for 30 days for psychiatric examination.

Catt was arrested Saturday in connection with the death of Mrs. William Hutchinson whose body was found Sept. 18 in the bush near her home, 140 miles north-west of Edmonton. Police said two .22 calibre bullets had been fired into the woman's body.

Water And Sewer Service Ready To Go Soon

REDWATER — With the completion of the connection lines between the present underground water installations and the new water system, which is still in the process of installation, water service will be available to customers as soon as 20 service installations have been finished into homes and business establishments.

Continuing wet weather has hampered the digging of some service connections. However, it is expected that those who are ready will be serviced by mid-October.

Several lines of water mains still remain to be installed on the South Side, and are presently being held up because of the difficulty of ditching in those areas. However, it is anticipated that they will be completed by the end of the month, on schedule.

According to the engineer in charge, very little difficulty has been encountered in the installations except for the wet weather, which held up the digging of service lines and flooded the downtown areas to some extent.

Prizes Won In Jubilee Parade

HUGHENDEN — First prizes were awarded to the following in the Jubilee parade: Mrs. C. Burpee and Heather, as Indians on horseback; Roland Parke and Leslie Lund, as a married couple of 1905; the Hughenden WI float. The comic went to the B-A entry.

Judges were O. Abbott, Ruth Powell and Mr. Brandley of the Jubilee Caravan.

\$2,500 Taken From Treasury Branch

MUNDARE — Thieves broke into the Mundare Treasury Branch early Friday morning and removed about \$2,500.00 from the safe. Michael Slepanski, manager, said it appeared that thieves opened the dial of the safe.

The front door of the branch had been pried open and the window broken on the west side of the building.

The robbery is believed to have occurred between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. Friday morning.

Mik Korchinski, Mundare garage owner, discovered the theft when he noticed the broken window at about 6:20 a.m. Friday.

It was the second attempt in the past three months to rob the Mundare Treasury Branch.

No Tax Appeals Given Reduction

TWO HILLS — Sitting as a Court of Revision last month, the Municipal District of Eagle Council heard three appeals on 1955 assessment. No reductions were allowed in any case. The appeals were as follows:

Peter Sturmay of Innisfree — Assessment of \$700.00 on N.W. 11-53-11-4W, stating that it is too highly assessed, 25 acres under cultivation, remaining acreage is pasture land, and that he paid \$800.00 for it to the Department of Lands and Forests.

Mike Ternoietzki of Myrnam — Assessment of \$100.00 on two lots in Fr. S.W. 14-54-9-4W, and dwelling assessment of \$720.00, stating that one lot is broken by a steep hill and there is rock on it; house cost him \$1250.00 and is poor construction, basement cost \$1100.00, moving \$240.00 and the lots \$650.00.

Great West Distributors' letter of appeal re personal property assessment on Pt. Lot 4, Block 8, Plan No. 1660ET, Willingdon, stating that the drums should be treated as stock-in-trade and not personal property and the values should be \$4.00 each per steel drum and \$3.00 each for light drums, making a total assessment of \$750.00.

Honored On 84th Birthday

VERMILION — Martin McBride was honored on his 84th birthday while visiting his daughter, Neva, at Kil Kar, Wash. The afternoon was spent along the sandy beach taking pictures around the summer resort along the Fraser River.

Tables were set under the trees, and the many friends enjoyed a delicious dinner. The large birthday cake was cut by Mr. McBride, while he received many birthday wishes.

Art Geertsens Posted To Cold Lake

REDWATER — Art Geertsens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Geertsens, who joined the air force last spring, is now home on a month's extended leave after which he will go to his posting at Cold Lake.

Art, who is an instrument man, took most of his air force training in Ontario, and while there met up with another former Redwaterite, Dick Powell, son of Lee Powell, now of Edmonton.

Art enjoys the RCAF very much and says that it is an ideal life for any young man.

Graduate Of Vermilion School Is 1955 Alberta Nominee Of Eaton Scholarship

Recent graduates of all educational institutions think at this time of year of those still attending classes. Similarly, those who return to classes think of those who have graduated. A recent honours graduate of the Vermilion School of Agriculture, Park S. Letts of Westlock, is one of the graduates much in the thoughts of everyone associated with the school.

Park is the Alberta 1955 nominee for the Eaton Agricultural Scholarship. His nomination will be considered with nominations from other provinces, and the successful candidate will receive four years of agricultural training at a Canadian University of his choice.

During the five years the scholarship has been offered, one Albertan has won. Bruce MacDonald of Mannville, now working toward his degree in Agriculture at the University of Alberta, was the 1953 winner of the Eaton Agricultural Scholarship. Bruce is a 1953 graduate of the Alberta Schools of Agriculture.

The 1955-56 term opens at the three schools on Oct. 18, this year. Applications are being received by the principals of the schools up to and including that date. Write to the Principal of the School of Agriculture and Home Economics at Olds, Vermilion, or Fairview for an application for and details of the valuable courses offered.

Hunt For Young Rapist

CALGARY — A young soldier, who brutally assaulted and probably robbed a 17-year-old girl in Rotary Park Wednesday night, is the object of a search by Calgary City Police and Army Provost Corps.

The girl was walking home late Wednesday night when she met the soldier. She had met him once before and when asked if he could walk along with her, she agreed.

As they passed a park, the soldier asked the girl to walk through the park with him. She refused, whereupon the soldier attacked her. Managing to free her mouth from the soldier's grasp, the girl shouted for help and the attacker fled, probably taking the girl's purse, containing four dollars with him as it could not be found later.

Free Clinic Available To All

REDWATER — The Sturgeon Health Unit Well Baby and Immunization clinic, which is supported through your yearly tax contributions, is here to serve you and your family.

The clinic, which is always held on the fourth Friday of each month, in the Home Economics Room of the Redwater Elementary School, commencing at 1:30 p.m., is staffed with competent nurses and a doctor. You may have your child immunized against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus and vaccinated against small-pox.

The physician in charge will advise you if your child requires medical attention, and will refer you to a competent physician should the need arise.

The nurses make regular checks in the schools to see that the children's health is all right, and in the last year have carried out Mantoux testing for tuberculosis and have given Salk polio vaccine shots to the children, whose parents gave their consent.

Charged With Thefts

CALGARY — George J. Brymer, former member of the Calgary Stock Exchange, was committed for high court trial from Calgary Police Court Thursday.

This came at the end of a preliminary inquiry into 20 charges of theft, and four of false pretences.

Brymer is charged with the conversion theft of some \$63,000 in stocks, issued to Calgarians.

Brymer was committed for higher court trial, without election, following a two-week remand in which defence counsel was given opportunity to acquaint himself with unfamiliar points in the issue.

R. B. Lawson Wins Vegreville Election

Raymond Burton Lawson was the successful candidate at the civic election held here Monday, to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of councillor John N. Wuzyk.

The successful candidate polled 426 votes in a three way contest. His opponents were A. J. Little, who polled 178 and J. C. Maller, 144 votes. There were 12 spoiled ballots of 748 votes cast. The voters list shows 1,648 qualified to vote.

Councillor-elect Lawson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lawson. He was born at Alsask, Sask.; is married and has two children. He served 2½ years in the Royal Canadian Navy.

CNIB Tag Day Nets \$105.78

The Tag Day for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, conducted in Mannville on Oct. 1, netted a fine total of \$105.78, which has been forwarded to the organization.

Convenors for the tag day were: Ruth Smith, June Van Dusen, Jackie Hasinoff, Donna Doherty, Charlie Gerhart, Jimmie Croft, Hans Peterson, Kenny Schock and George Korchinsky.

The thanks of the C.N.I.B. go to these boys and girls for a very fine job in the public service.

M. B. Van Dusen very kindly allowed the use of his store as headquarters for the tag day.

Local Business Man Stricken

REDWATER — Jack Milner, popular proprietor and owner of the Redwater Mercantile, has been hospitalized on orders from his physician with a heart infection.

According to information received Jack will be in hospital for some time.

New Forestry Officer

Ted Greening has arrived in Slave Lake and will be another Forestry Officer in this division. Mr. Greening will be soon stationed at Swan Station, some few miles south of Kinuso, and will be assisting Forestry Officer Pat Foley, and is taking the place of Forestry Officer Bernie Brouwer, who was transferred to Little Red River in the Peace River division some time ago.

Mayor Hamar Says Growth Of ...

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for a while seemed to progress slowly, but in recent years the pace has been notably quickened.

For many years our beautiful lake, being on the water route from the east to the great North-West, Lac la Biche district can boast of at least two settlements dating back one hundred years — one at Lac la Biche Mission and the other at Good Fish Lake. With the extension of the railroad in 1915, Lac la Biche station — as it was then called, came into existence — incorporated as a village in 1919.

The principle occupations in the district for a number of years were fishing, trapping and lumbering. These are still being carried on, but perhaps in smaller volumes, although angling fishing is increasing yearly.

More recently, I believe since about 1930, with the agricultural development (this includes milk ranching) and particularly in the past ten years, the town has made rapid progress. In 1951 Lac la Biche was incorporated as a town, and a year later water and sewage installations were commenced. Two miles west of town we have a modern Dominion emergency airport. The present population is estimated at 1100.

So I am sure that under normal conditions Lac la Biche can maintain its present growth and continue to be a centre serving a very large district.

Once again, on behalf of the town and district, we consider it an honor and a privilege to witness the opening of the new St. Catharine's Hospital by His Honor Dr. J. J. Bowlen, the Lieutenant-Governor of this province, and I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate and to thank all those, both past and present, who have taken part in the foundation and development of this institution dedicated to the welfare of the people of this town and surrounding district.

I thank you.

St. Catharine's Ladies Play Important Roles In Opening New Hospital

By DEBORAH PUE

At the opening of the new Lac La Biche Hospital, the Ladies of St. Catharine's under the president, Mrs. M. Bouvier served over one thousand guests. The tables were set with hand-made white lace table cloths, and centered with red and pink roses. Pouring tea were, Mrs. Irene Sampietro, Mrs. Dorothy Hamar, Mrs. M. E. Lett, Mrs. R. White, Mrs. H. Lobay, Mrs. Marchildon, Mrs. W. Tardif, Mrs. R. Langevin, Mrs. A. Lezotte, Mrs. J. Cherkas, Mrs. A. Brady, Mrs. W. Huppé, Mrs. A. Bourassa, Mrs. W. Hamilton, Mrs. M. Rizzoli, Mrs. Lou Badry, Lionel Vincent, Mrs. M. Maccagno, Mrs. Brimsmead, Mrs. Green, Mrs. T. W. Pue, Mrs. Vi McCullough, Mrs. Beatrice Letourneau, Mrs. T. B. Cummings, Mrs. Mary Hamar, Mrs. W. Stewart, Mrs. R. Tardif. The guest book was in the charge of Mrs. C. Byrkelo, Mrs. L. Rudiger, Mrs. L. Pelletier, Mrs. A. Breaux, Mrs. R. Rizzoli, Mrs. C. Hanel, Mrs. A. Mordstrom.

The ladies were kept busy all

day, from early in the morning until late in the afternoon. First the preparations had to be made to serve tea; then the mid-day luncheon in the hospital. As soon as visitors began their tour of the hospital in the middle of the afternoon, they were busy again until the last inspection had been made.

H.B.C. Governor Visits Alberta

EDMONTON (BUP) — W. J. Keswick of London, governor of the Hudson's Bay Co., visited Edmonton last week. The governor is on his annual tour to inspect the company's operations in Canada.

Accompanying him were J. Elmer Woods of Winnipeg, chairman of the Canadian committee; E. O. Faulkner, a member of the London board, and P. A. Chester of Winnipeg, managing director of the com-

Bouquet To Young Ladies

Big city centres could have taken a lesson from the smart young ladies doing the serving at the social event of the season at Lac La Biche last week. They not only did a wonderful job of serving, but were polite and courteous. Their efforts didn't go unnoticed by the hundreds of guests they served.

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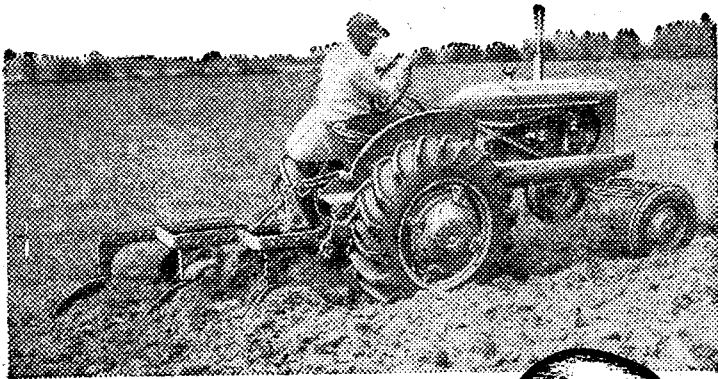
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pany's operations in North America.

Following inspection of the Hudson's Bay Company in Edmonton the party continued to Calgary for a brief visit to inspect store improvements there.

It was explained the governor visits only the larger city stores and did not plan on calling at Lac la Biche, where the "Bay" operates one of the finest of country stores.

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It serves this community with news, advertising, editorial comment, and entertainment. It promotes projects which it believes will make this a better place in which to live.

It's a manufacturing plant

It converts ink, paper, metal and power into a finished product. It gives employment, year round, to heads of families.

It's a business

It enjoys full status as both a wholesaler (of newspapers) and a retailer. It plays its full part in the commercial life of the community.

It's a service establishment

It tries to give information and guidance both through its columns and personally through its staff. Its classified section is the local market place. It is the 20th century town crier and community counsellor.

It's the voice of the people

Its printed reports, comment and pictures mirror this community in such a way that we may understand both its problems and its opportunities. It is a vital factor in the operation both of free, responsible government and in the life of free, democratic individuals.

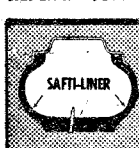
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